

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 4/1 therein, and claim 4/1 has been cancelled.

No new matter is presented and thus approval and entry of the amended claim 1 is respectfully requested.

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-3 and 5-12 are pending and under consideration.

Claims 1-3 and 5-12 were rejected and claim 4/1 was indicated to be allowable if rewritten to independent form.

Claim 1 as amended now includes the limitations of claim 4/1, and accordingly is allowable, as are the remaining claims 2-3 and 5-12, all of which depend directly or indirectly from claim 1.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

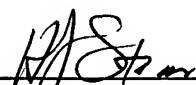
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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